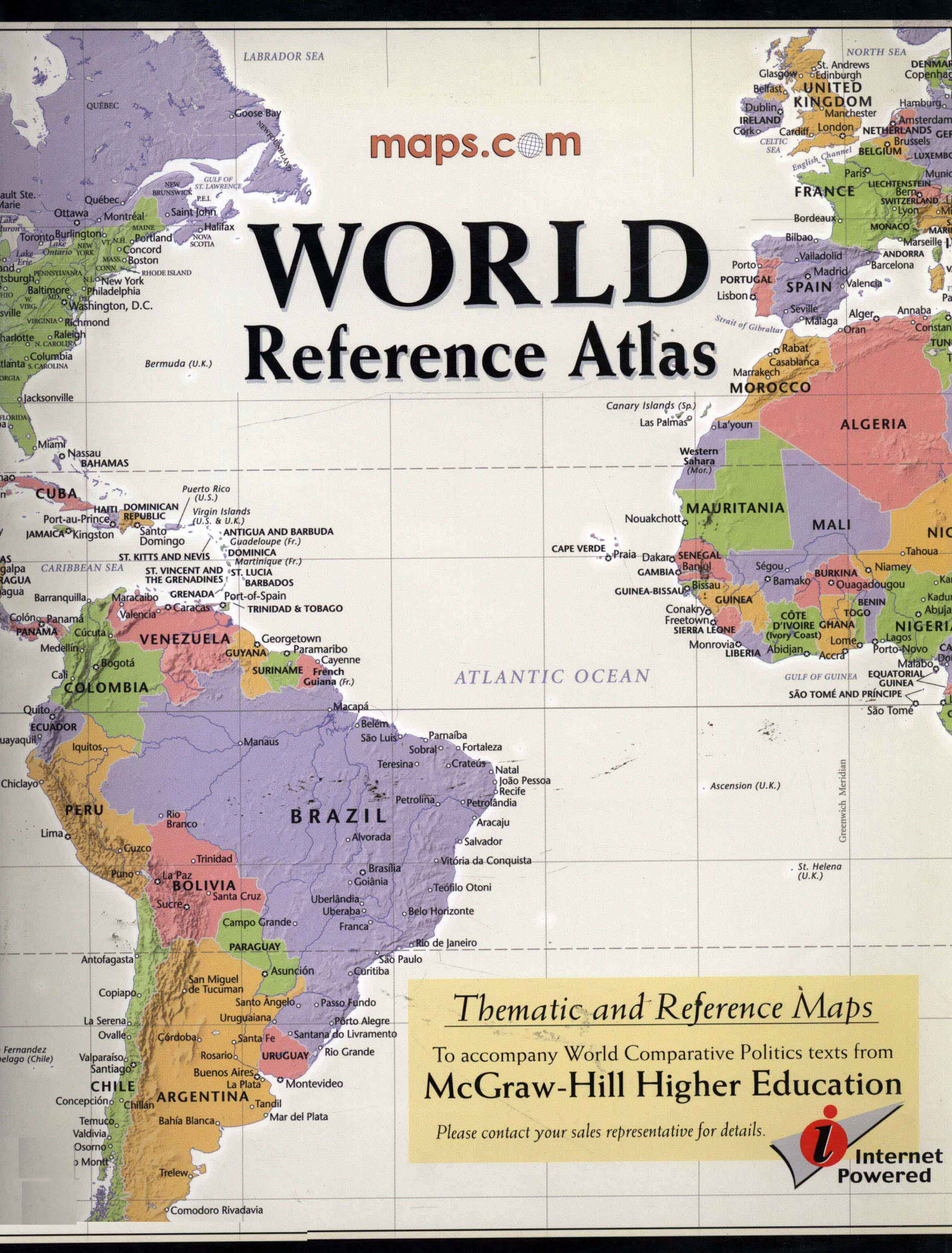


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600 Million Years Ago

As far back as 750 million years ago, the supercontinent Rodinia began splitting apart. At 600 million years ago, few landmasses are recognizable.

433 Million Years Ago

This time period saw relatively rapid movement of the landmasses. Continental collisions created massive upwelling, which began to create some of today's oldest mountain ranges.



306 Million Years Ago

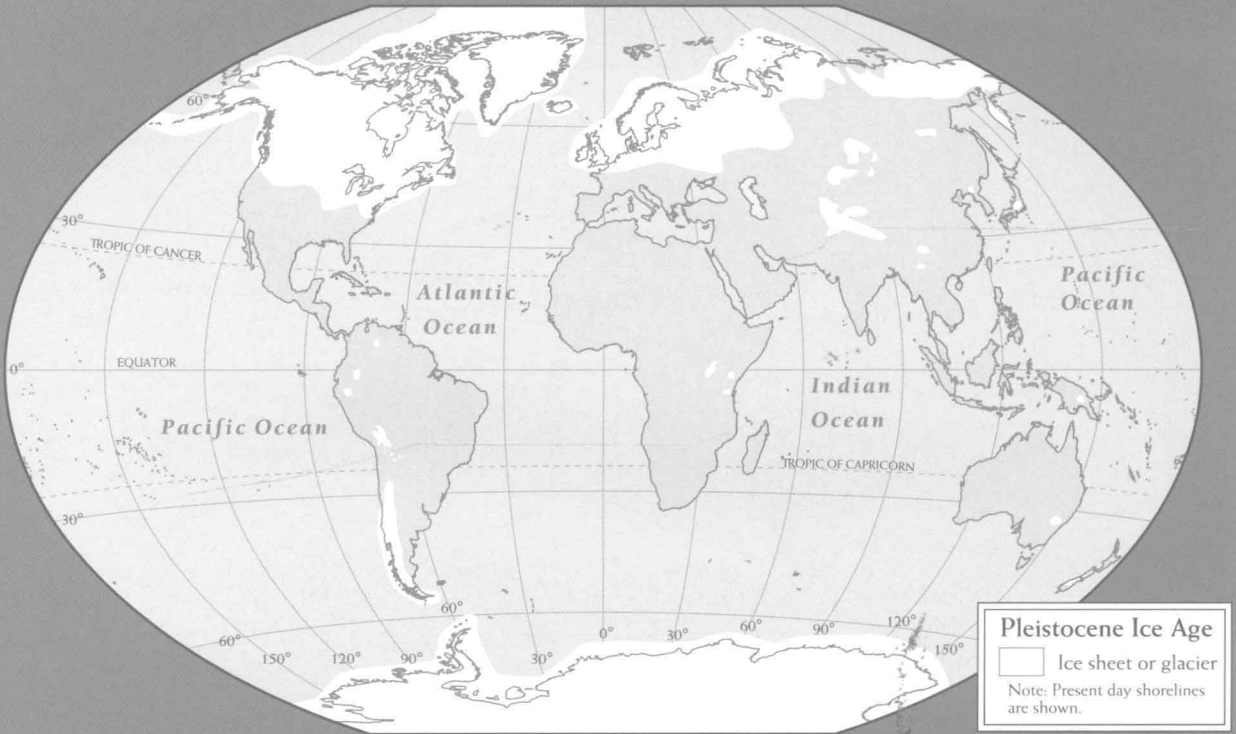
Much of the Earth's land had congregated into a recognizable mass now called Pangea. The floor of the surrounding ocean sank, dropping sea level and exposing more land.

160 Million Years Ago

Much of the Earth's landmasses have become recognizable shapes and are traveling away from each other. About 40 million years ago, however, India moved swiftly north into Asia. The pressure created the Himalaya, the world's tallest mountain range.

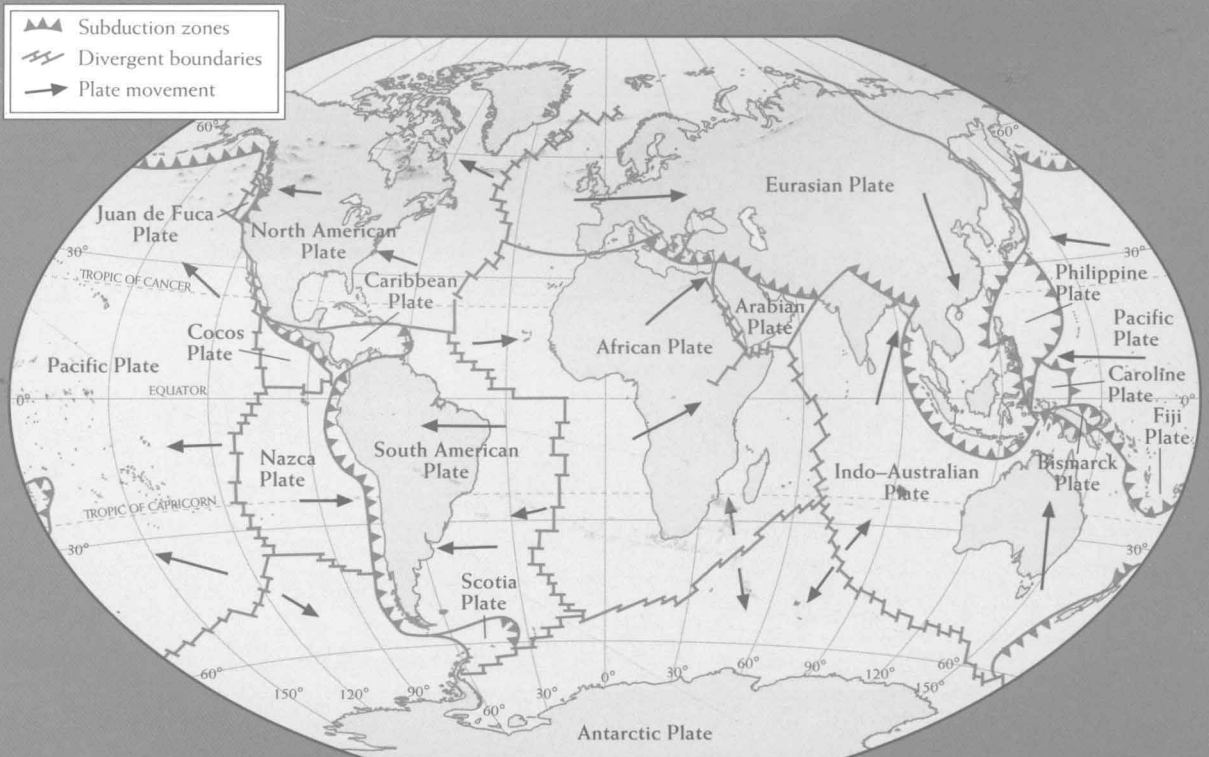


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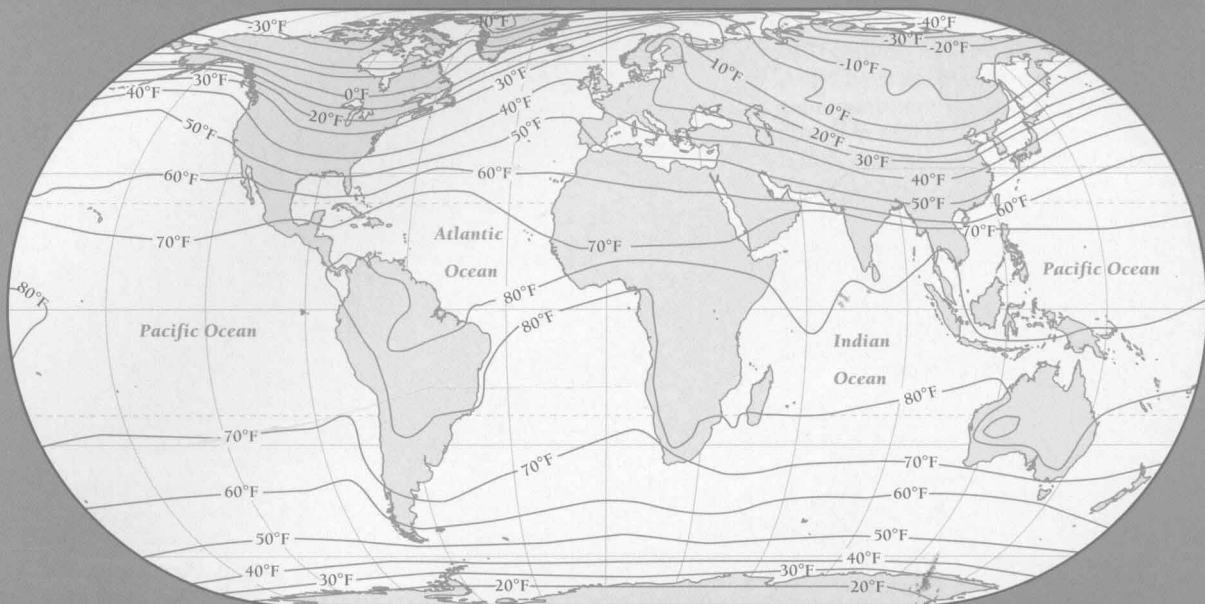
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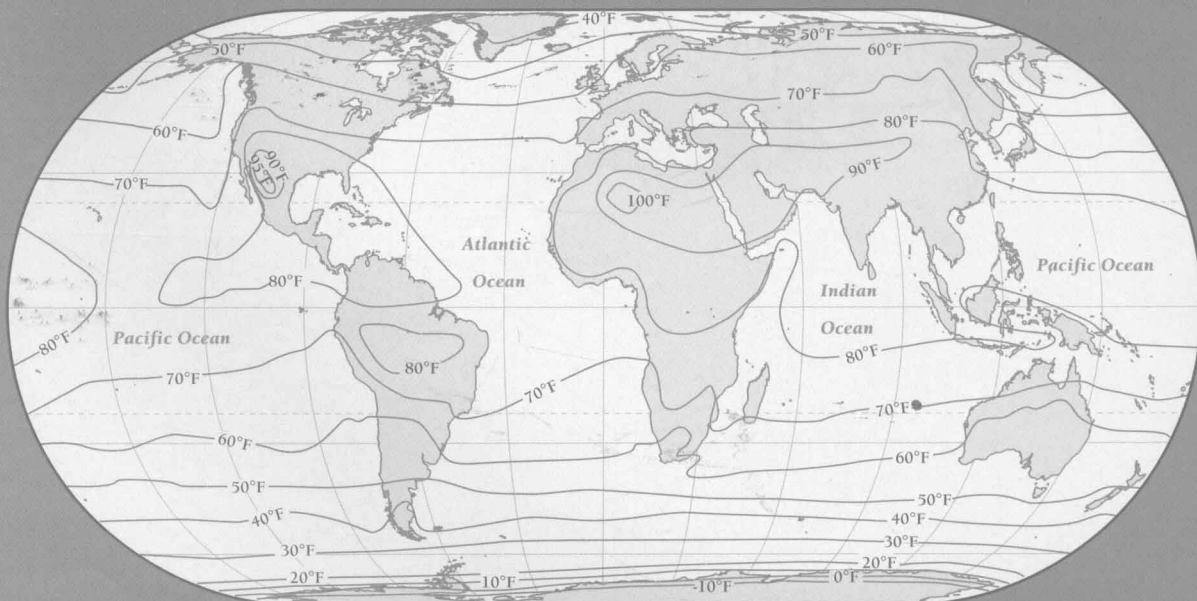
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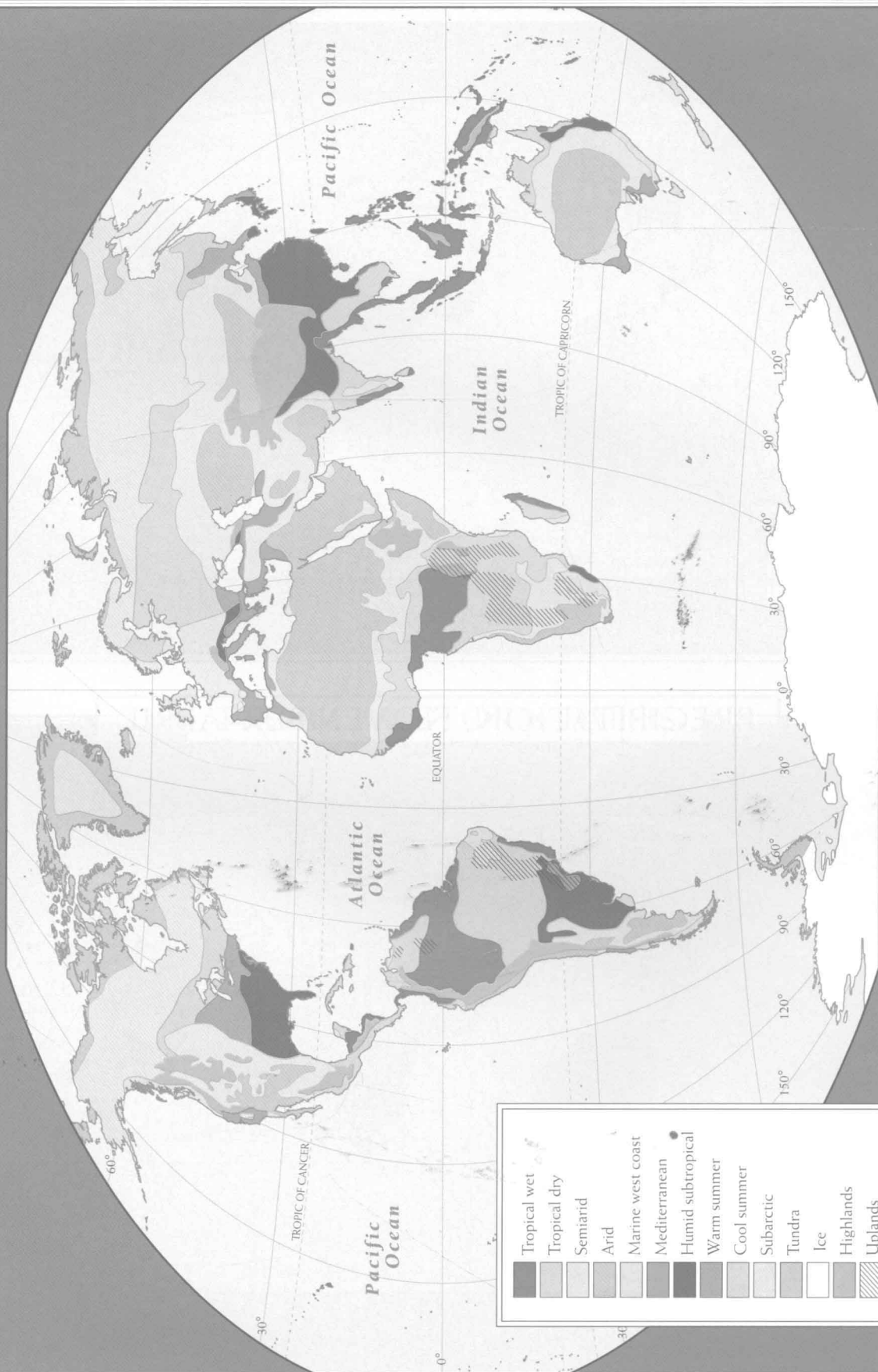
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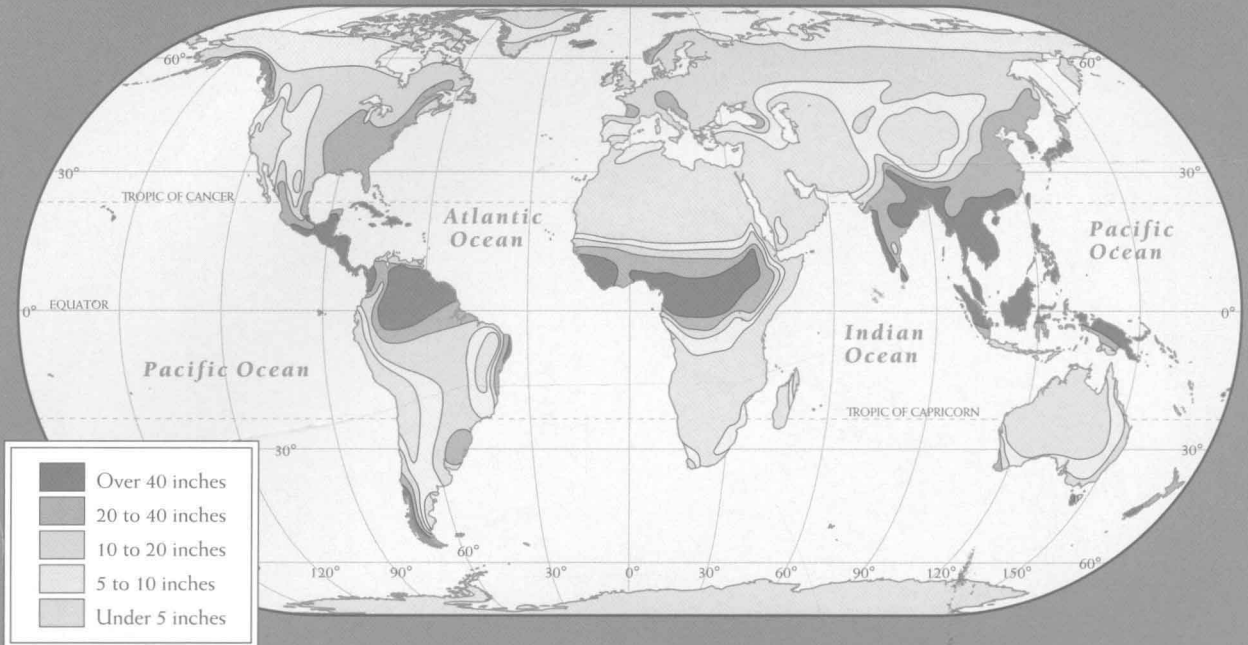


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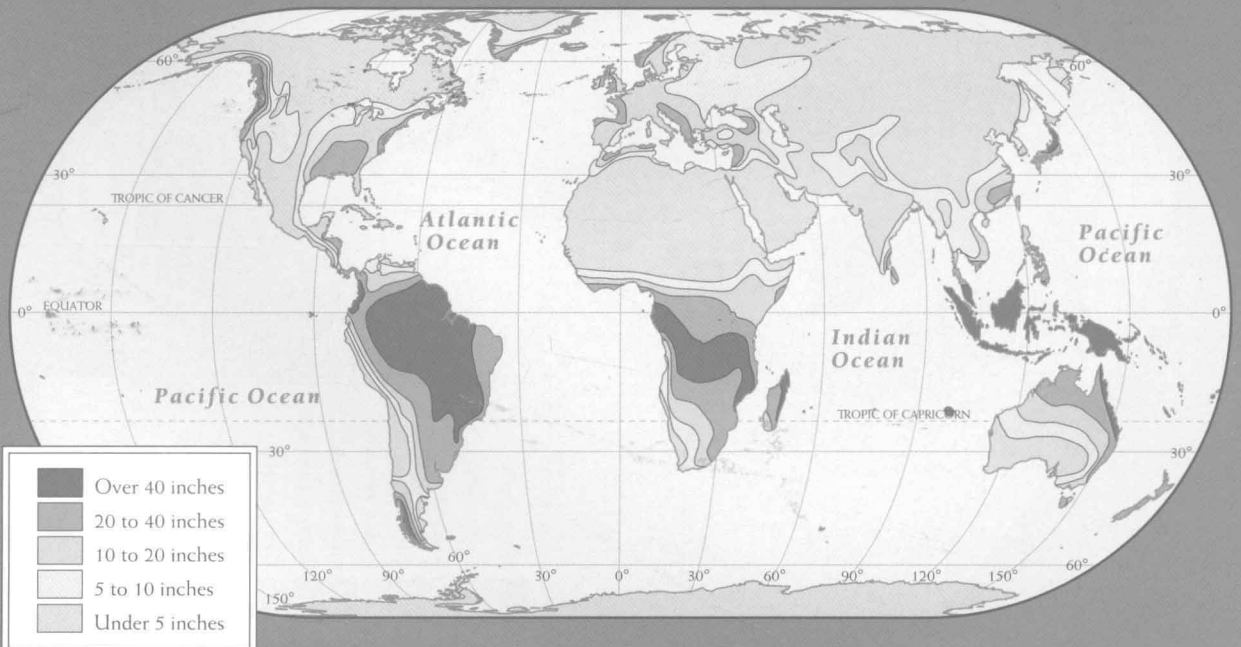


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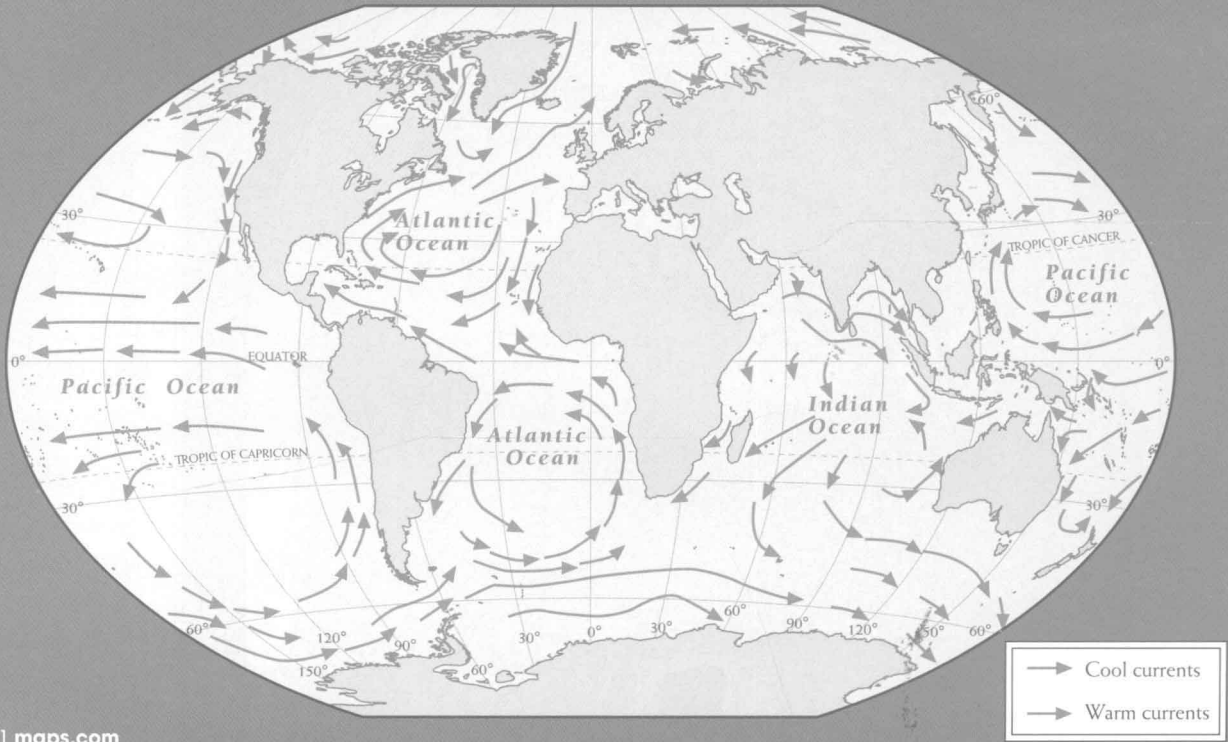
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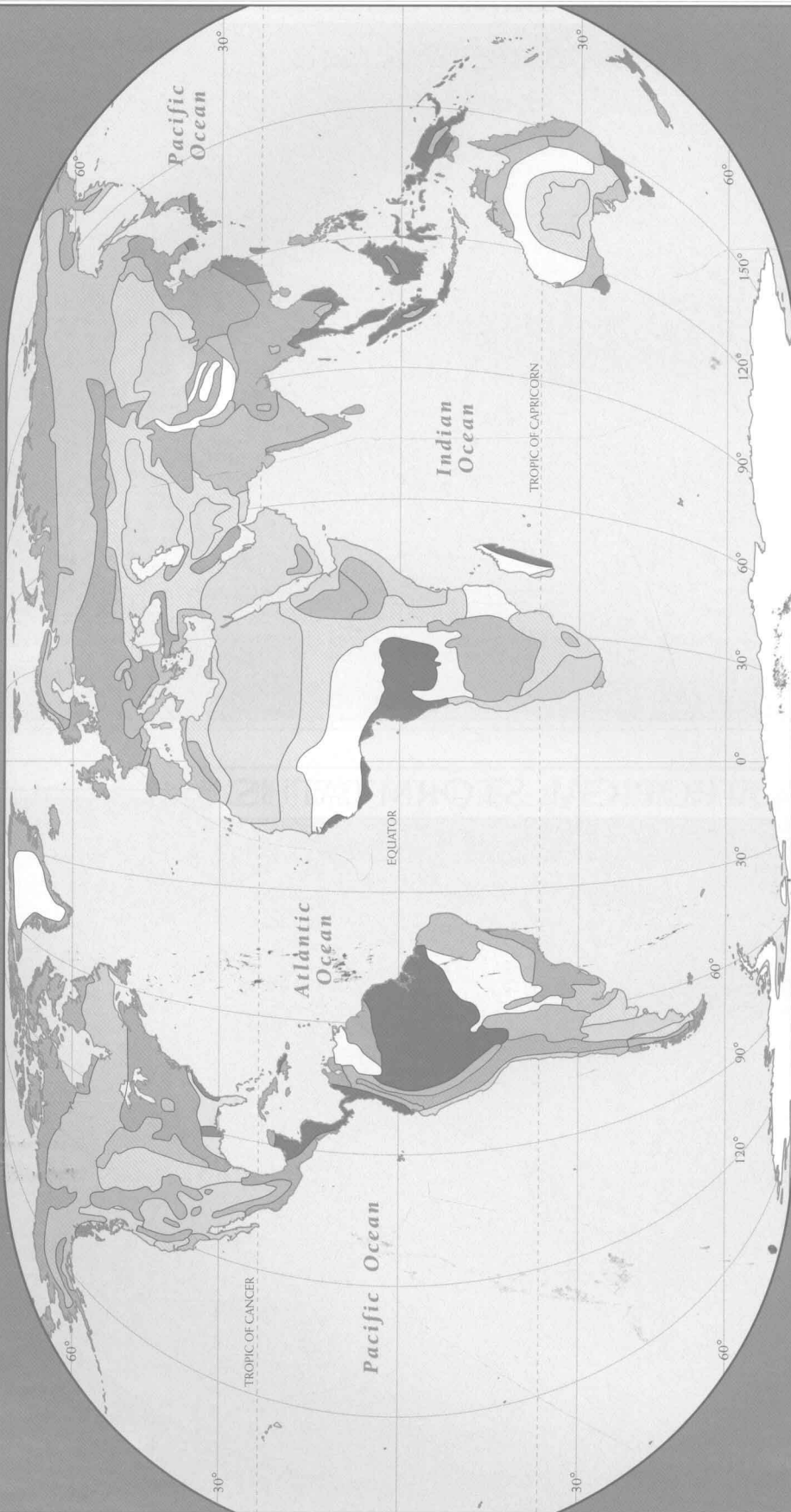
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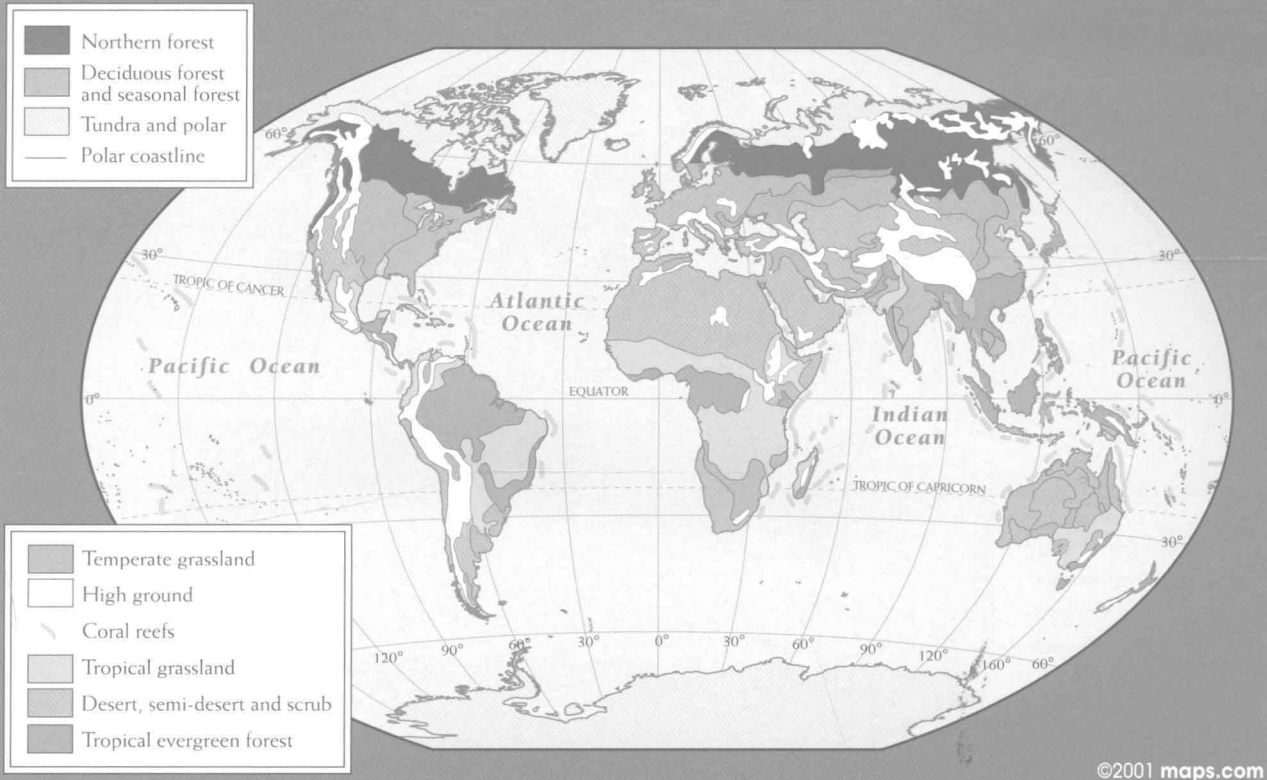
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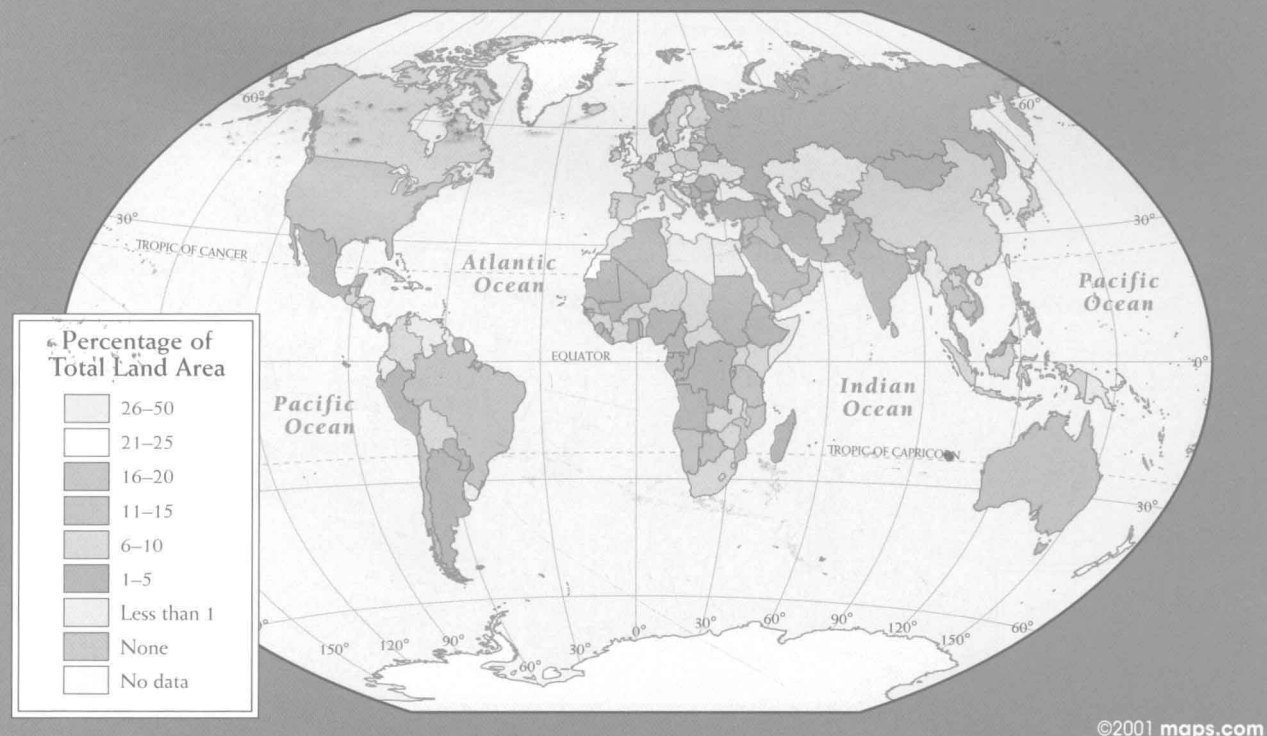


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- Tropical scrub woodland
- Subtropical broadleaf evergreen forest
- Mediterranean woodland and scrub
- Middle latitude deciduous forest and mixed forest
- Middle latitude evergreen forest
- Northern coniferous forest
- Montane forest
- Savanna
- Steppe
- Tundra and alpine meadow
- Ice, barren
- Prairie
- Desert

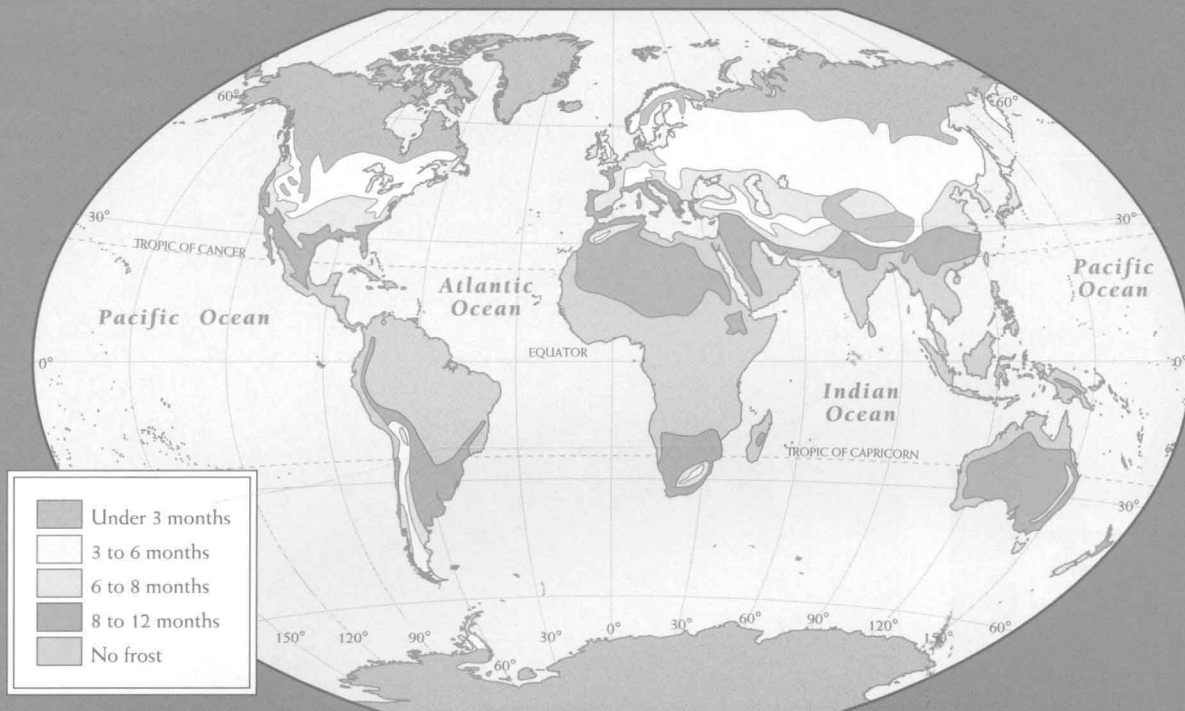
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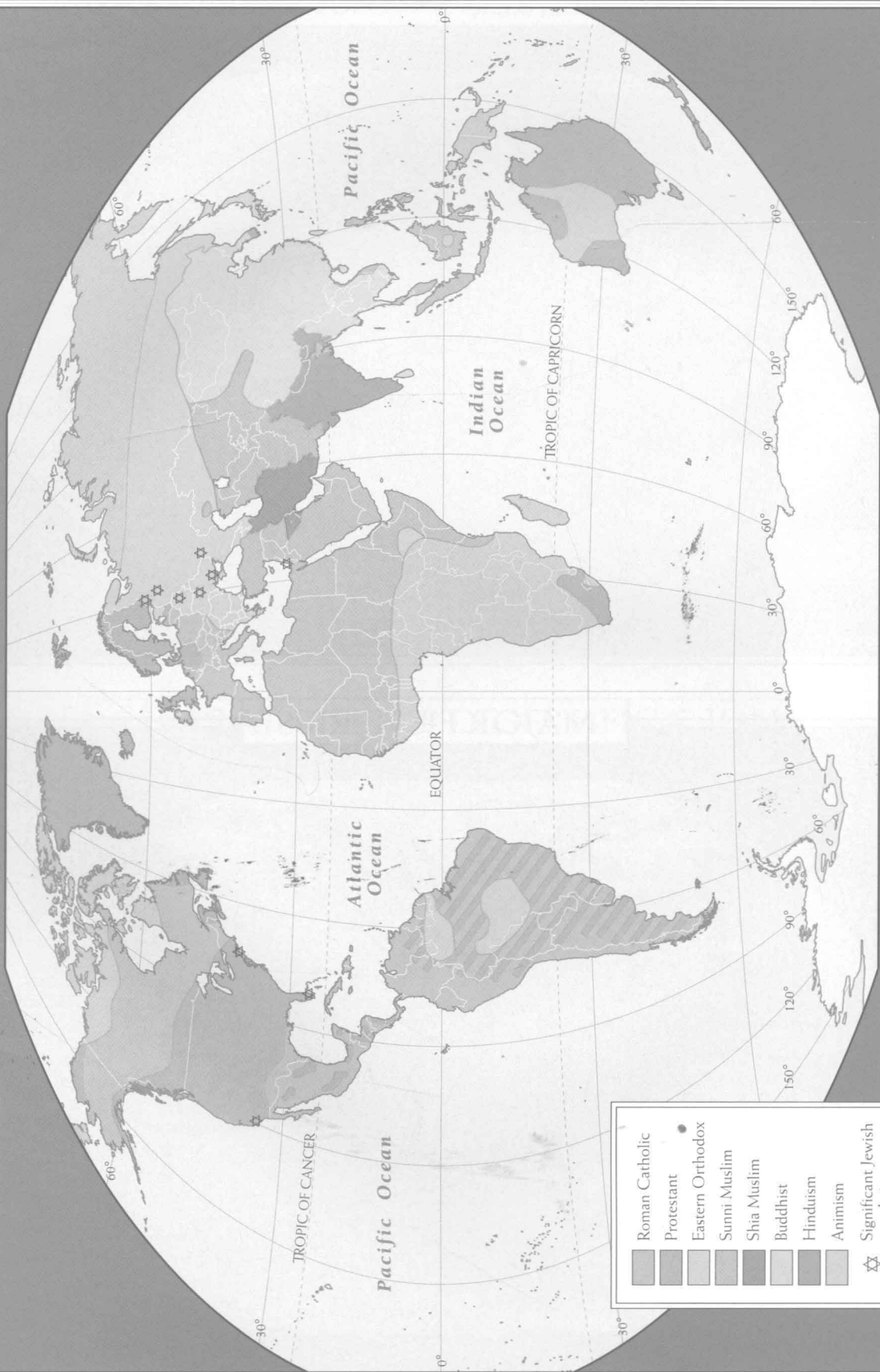
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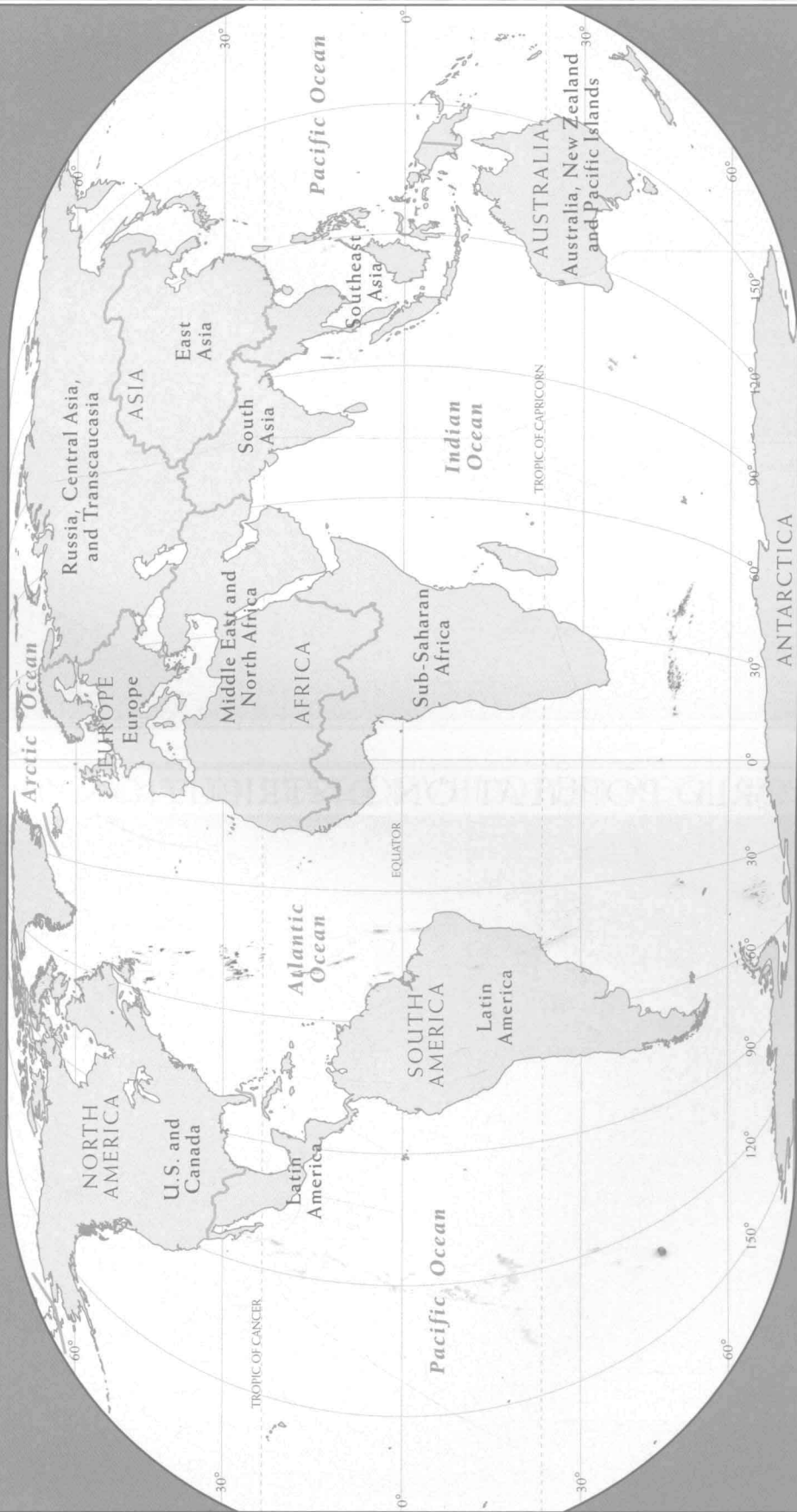


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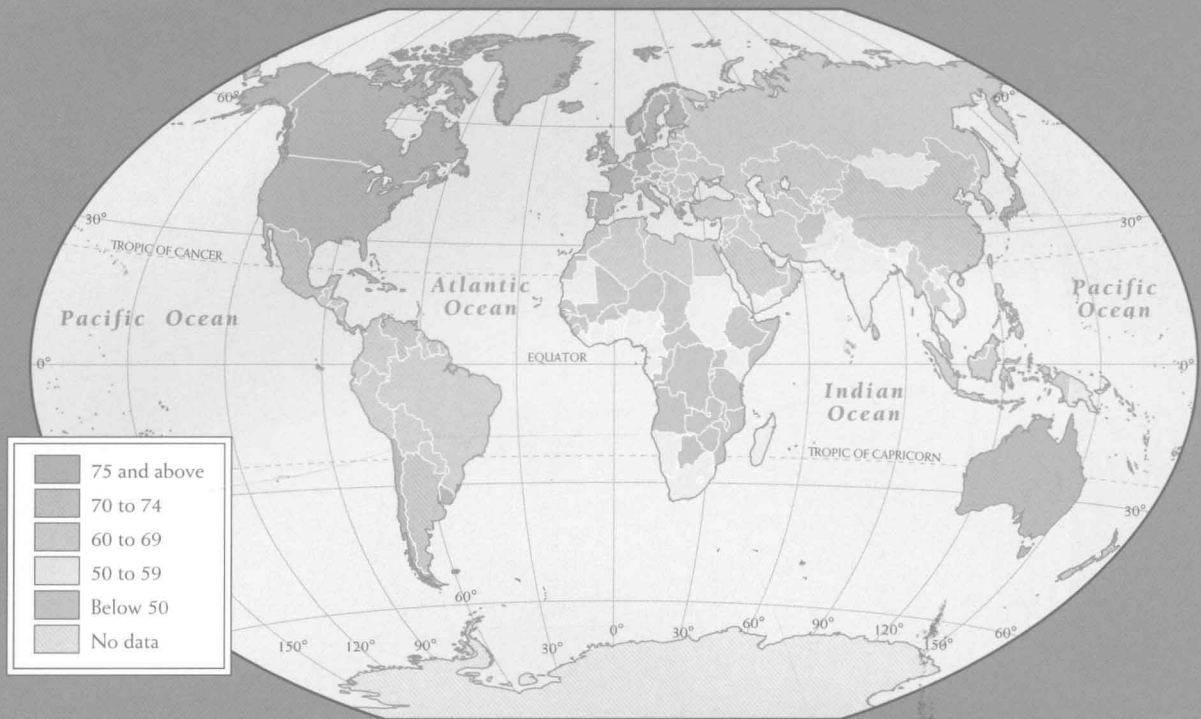
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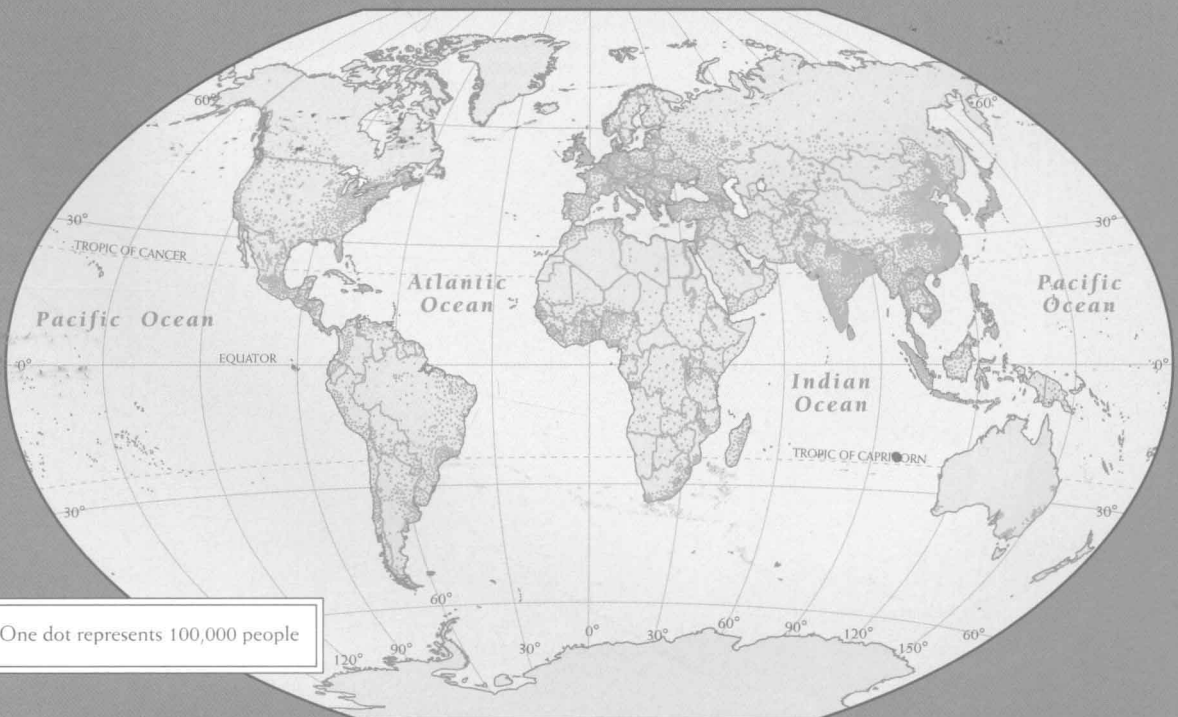


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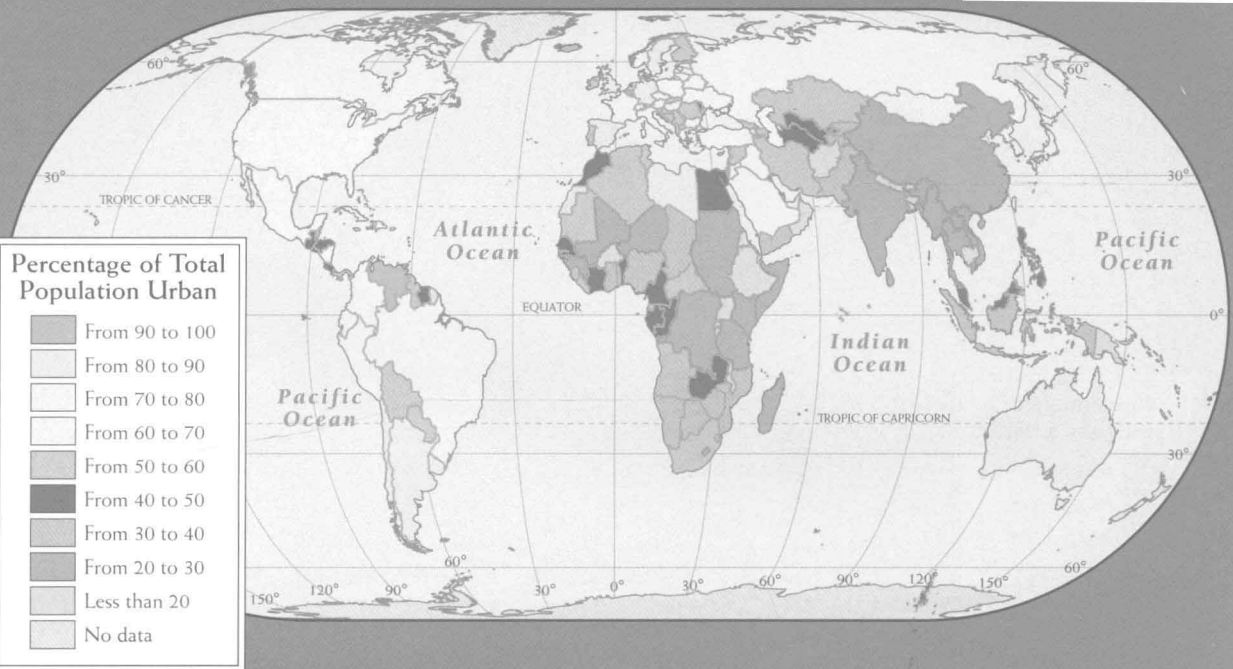
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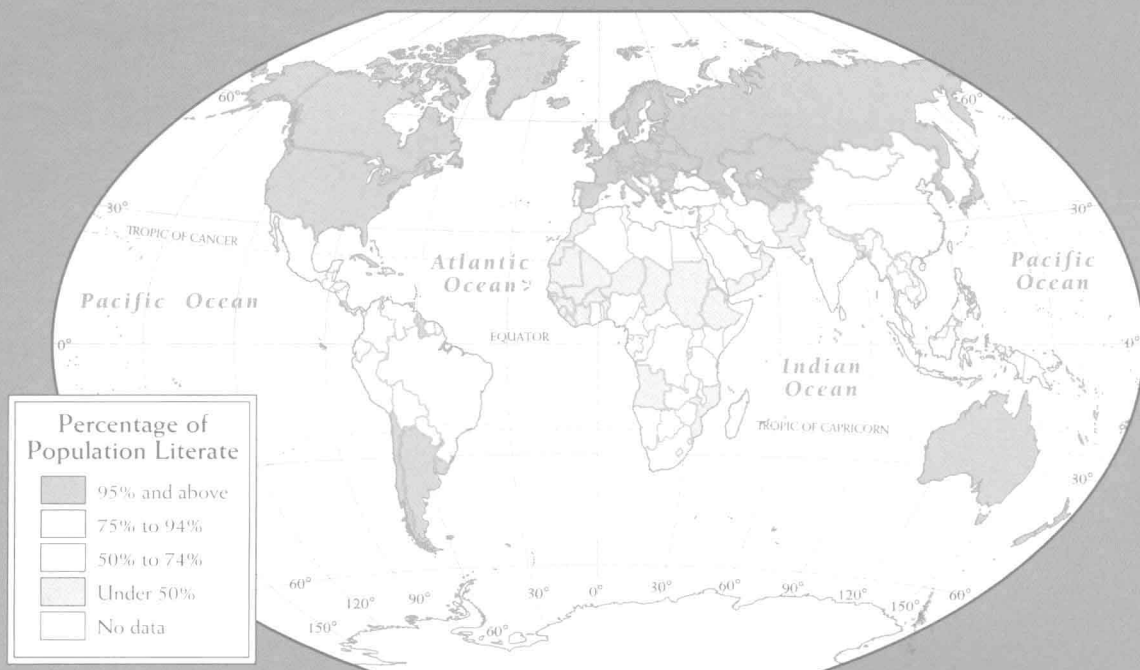
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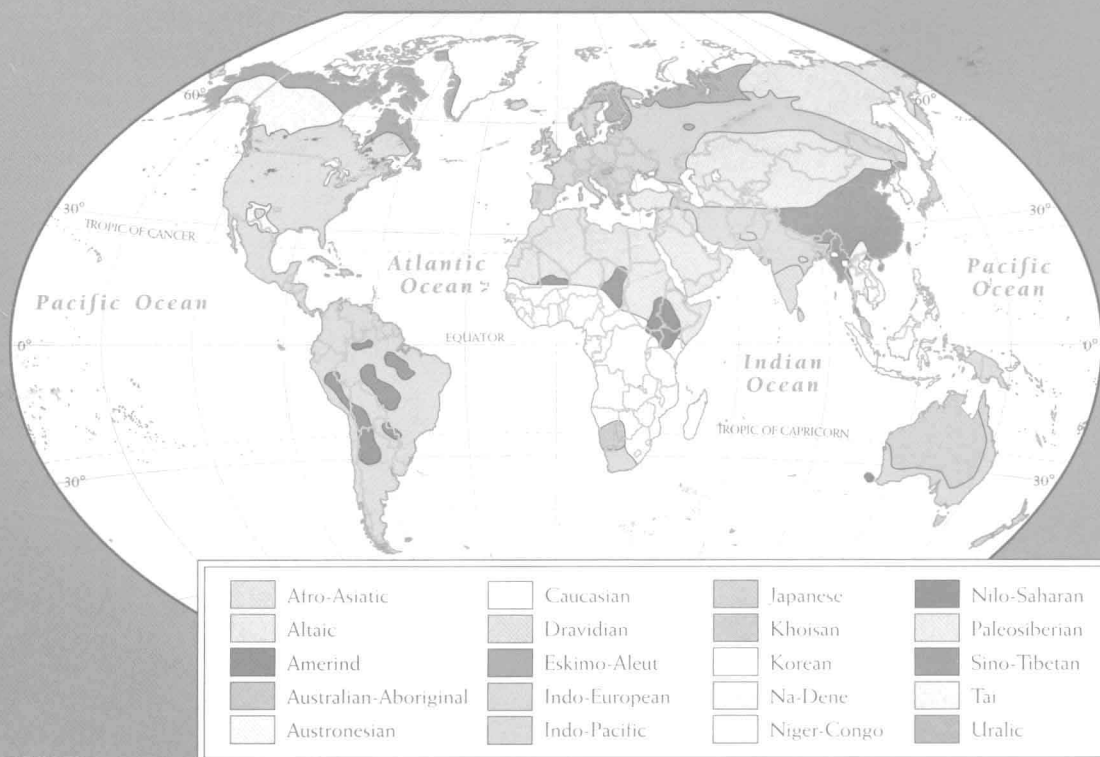
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